Government had, in 1984, appointed a High Powered Committee under the chairmanship of Shri G S. Patel whose report has been received and decisions taken on most of the recommendations. These relate to various aspects of the capital market.

Government have also decided to set up a separate Board for the regulation and orderly functioning of the stock exchanges and the securities industry.

Indigenisation of warships production

2093. SHRI PARVATHANENI UPENDRA: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there are any proposals under Government's consideration for achieving greater indigenisation in production of warships and for maintaining delivery schedule; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENCE PRODUCTION AND SUPPLIES IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI SHIVRAJ PATIL) (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) It is not in the public interest to disclose the information.

losses written off by the defence stores

2094. SHRI PARVATHANENI UPENDRA: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) what is the amount of losses written-off due to thefts, frauds or gross negligence in stores in the defence sector during the years 1984-85 and 1985-86;

(b) what are the reasons for progressive increase in losses during the past few years;

(c) whether Government have taken any steps to streamline the management of defence stores and to reduce such losses; and

(d) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENCE PRODUCTION AND SUPPLIES IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI SHIVRAJ PATIL): (a) and (b) The amount of store losses written off due to theft, fraud, or gross neglect during the year 1984-85 and 1985-86 is shown below:—

(Rs. in thousands)

	Total amount of stores losses due to theft, fraud or gross neglect	Losses due to aviation stores	Other items of losses
1984-85 .	7,17,70	6,09,66	1,08,04
1985-86 .	10,19,24	9,78,95	40,29

Though there has been an increase in the amount of stores losses written off due to theft, fraud or gross neglect, this has been mainly due to increase in losses of Aviation Stores. If the amount of losses on account of Aviation Stores are excluded, the amount of store losses due to theft, fraud or gross neglect does not show any increase during 1985-86 but has gone down compared to 1984-85. The main reasons for increase of losses on Air Force side are the magnitude of operations, ageing of aircraft, escalation in the prices of aircraft|spares, etc.

(c) and (d) As regards remedial measures, Air Force authorities have arranged "on the job" training, one day training in a week, briefing of the crew on natural hazards, posting of experienced supervisors and enforcement of correct technical practice by Air Force personnel. Instructions have also been issued to keep close vigilance and carry out regorous checks on the professionalism of pilots. Disciplinary|administrative action against the concerned Service|Civilian personnel have also been taken.

employees of border roads organisation

2095. SHRI M. S. GURUPADASWAMY: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) what is the number of workers employed in all the border areas of the